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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

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Case	Date Filed		
10-CA-273167	February 23, 2021		

#### NSTRUCTIONS:

ile an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.				
a. Name of Employer		b. Tel. No.		
Amazon		(206) 413-4795		
		c. Cell No. (701) 215-3425		
1.411 (0) 1.7	a Employer Depresentative	f. Fax No.		
d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code)	e. Employer Representative	g. e-Mail		
159 4th Ave. N	Jeff Bezos	jeff@amazon.com		
TN Nashville 37203	CEO/Founder	10 (7.5)		
		h. Number of workers employed 250		
i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.)	j. Identify principal product or service			
Technology	Human Resources/Contract Services			
k. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging	in unfair labor practices within the meaning of sec	ction 8(a), subsections (1) and (list		
subsections) 1	of the National Lab	or Relations Act, and these unfair labor		
practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization A		fair practices affecting commerce		
2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement	of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor pr	actices)		
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3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  Title:	name, including local name and number)			
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
		4d. Fax No.		
		4e. e-Mail		
		(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization)				
6. DECLARATION		Tel. No.		
Leclare that I have read the above charge and that the statements		(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (c) (b) (7)(G)	Office, if any, Cell No.		
By Title:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing unfair labor practice and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information will cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.

### **Basis of the Charge**

#### 8(a)(1)

Within the previous six months, the Employer disciplined or retaliated against an employee(s) because the employee(s) engaged in protected concerted activities by, inter alia, discussing wages, hours, or other terms and conditions of employment and in order to discourage employees from engaging in protected concerted activities.

Name of employee disciplined/retaliated against	I I VDE OF discipline/retailation	Approximate date of discipline/retaliation
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Termination	<sup>©)(5, ©)(7</sup> /2020



## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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February 23, 2021

Jeff Bezos, CEO/Founder Amazon 159 4th Avenue N Nashville, TN 37203

**REGION 10** 

233 Peachtree St NE

Harris Tower Ste 1000

Atlanta, GA 30303-1504

Re: Amazon

Case 10-CA-273167

#### Dear Bezos:

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

<u>Investigator</u>: This charge is being investigated by Field Examiner David C. Watkins whose telephone number is (629)800-6267. The mailing address is 810 Broadway Ste 302, Nashville, TN 37203-3859. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Resident Officer Stacee R. Smith whose telephone number is (629)800-6266.

**Right to Representation:** You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701*, *Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, <a href="www.nlrb.gov">www.nlrb.gov</a>, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

<u>Presentation</u> of <u>Your Evidence</u>: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

<u>Preservation of all Potential Evidence:</u> Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

<u>Prohibition on Recording Affidavit Interviews:</u> It is the policy of the General Counsel to prohibit affiants from recording the interview conducted by Board agents when subscribing Agency affidavits. Such recordings may impede the Agency's ability to safeguard the confidentiality of the affidavit itself, protect the privacy of the affiant and potentially compromise the integrity of the Region's investigation.

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If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the charge. If you cannot e-file your documents, you must provide a statement explaining why you do not have access to the means for filing electronically or why filing electronically would impose an undue burden.

In addition, this Region will be issuing case-related correspondence and documents, including complaints, compliance specifications, dismissal letters, deferral letters, and withdrawal letters, electronically to the email address you provide. Please ensure that you receive important case-related correspondence, please ensure that the Board Agent assigned to your case has your preferred email address. These steps will ensure that you receive correspondence faster and at a significantly lower cost to the taxpayer. If there is some reason you are unable to receive correspondence via email, please contact the agent assigned to your case to discuss the circumstances that prevent you from using email.

Information about the Agency, the procedures we follow in unfair labor practice cases and our customer service standards is available on our website, <a href="www.nlrb.gov">www.nlrb.gov</a> or from an NLRB office upon your request. NLRB Form 4541, Investigative Procedures offers information that is helpful to parties involved in an investigation of an unfair labor practice charge.

We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

LISA Y. HENDERSON Acting Regional Director

#### Enclosures:

- 1. Copy of Charge
- 2. Commerce Questionnaire



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February 23, 2021



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<u>Presentation of Your Evidence</u>: As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to meet with the Board agent to provide a sworn affidavit, or provide other witnesses to provide sworn affidavits, and to provide relevant documents within your possession. Because we seek to resolve labor disputes promptly, you should be ready to promptly present your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

Case 10-CA-273167

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### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

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and	<b>CASE NO.</b> 10-CA-273167
Amazon	
TO: (check One Box Only) 1	
□ REGIONAL DIRECTOR     □ EXECUTIVE SECRETARY     NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS B     Washington, DC 20570	
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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) BELOW:  REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE AGENCY THIS BOX MUST BE CHECKED. IF THIS BOX IS NOT CHECKED, THE DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CHARGES, PETITIONS AND FORMAL DOCUMENTS MANUAL.	CY IN ADDITION TO THOSE DESCRIBED BELOW, IE PARTY WILL RECEIVE ONLY COPIES OF CERTAIN
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NAME: Rebecca A. Leaf  MAILING ADDRESS: Ballard Spahr LLP, 1735 Market Street, 51 <sup>st</sup> Flo  E-MAIL ADDRESS: leafr@ballardspahr.com  OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER: 215-864-8575  CELL PHONE NUMBER: FAX  SIGNATURE: /s/ Rebecca A. Leaf	
(Please sign in ink.)  DATE: 3/2/2021	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IF CASE IS PENDING IN WASHINGTON AND NOTICE OF APPEARANCE IS SENT TO THE GENERAL COUNSEL OR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, A COPY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE REGION IN WHICH THE CASE WAS FILED SO THAT THOSE RECORDS WILL REFLECT THE APPEARANCE.

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NAME: <u>Denise M. Keyser</u> MAILING ADDRESS: <u>Ballard Spahr LLP, 210 Lake</u> E-MAIL ADDRESS: <u>Keyserd@ballardspahr.com</u> OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER: <u>856-761-3442</u> CELL PHONE NUMBER:		
SIGNATURE: /s/ Denise M. Keyser (Please sign in ink.)		

DATE: 3/2/2021

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March 3, 2021



Re: Amazon

Case 10-CA-273167

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

We have carefully investigated and considered your charge that Amazon has violated the National Labor Relations Act.

**Decision to Dismiss:** Based on that investigation, I have decided to dismiss your charge for the reasons discussed below.

Your charge alleges the Employer terminated you on protected concerted activities. 2020 because you engaged

The evidence shows the Employer notified you on 2020 that you were terminated that day. However, your charge was not filed until February 23, 2021. Section 10(b) of the National Labor Relations Act prohibits the issuance of complaint on any alleged unfair labor practice occurring more than six months prior to the filing and service of the unfair labor practice charge. Thus, your charge is untimely and I am, therefore, refusing to issue a complaint in this matter.

**Charging Party's Right to Appeal:** The Charging Party may appeal my decision to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, through the Office of Appeals.

Means of Filing: You must file your appeal electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible (Written instructions for the NLRB's E-Filing system and the Terms and Conditions of the NLRB's E-Filing policy are available at <a href="https://www.nlrb.gov">www.nlrb.gov</a>. See <a href="https://www.nlrb.gov">User Guide</a>. A video demonstration which provides <a href="https://www.nlrb.gov">step-by-step instructions</a> and frequently asked questions are also available at <a href="https://www.nlrb.gov">www.nlrb.gov</a>. If you require additional assistance with E-Filing, please contact <a href="https://www.nlrb.gov">e-Filing@nlrb.gov</a>.

You are encouraged to also submit a complete statement of the facts and reasons why you believe my decision was incorrect. If you cannot file electronically, please send the appeal and your written explanation of why you cannot file electronically to the **General Counsel** at the **National Labor Relations Board, Attn: Office of Appeals, 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC 20570-0001.** Unless filed electronically, a copy of the appeal should also be sent to me.

The appeal MAY NOT be filed by fax or email. The Office of Appeals will not process faxed or emailed appeals.

Appeal Due Date: The appeal is due on March 17, 2021. If the appeal is filed electronically, the transmission of the entire document through the Agency's website must be completed **no later** than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date. If filing by mail or by delivery service an appeal will be found to be timely filed if it is postmarked or given to a delivery service no later than March 16, 2021. If an appeal is postmarked or given to a delivery service on the due date, it will be rejected as untimely. If hand delivered, an appeal must be received by the General Counsel in Washington D.C. by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the appeal due date. If an appeal is not submitted in accordance with this paragraph, it will be rejected.

Extension of Time to File Appeal: The General Counsel may allow additional time to file the appeal if the Charging Party provides a good reason for doing so and the request for an extension of time is received on or before March 17, 2021. The request may be filed electronically through the *E-File Documents* link on our website <a href="www.nlrb.gov">www.nlrb.gov</a>, by fax to (202)273-4283, by mail, or by delivery service. The General Counsel will not consider any request for an extension of time to file an appeal received after March 17, 2021, even if it is postmarked or given to the delivery service before the due date. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the extension of time should also be sent to me.

Confidentiality: We will not honor requests to limit our use of appeal statements or evidence. Upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by a party during the processing of an appeal, the Agency's FOIA Branch discloses appeal statements, redacted for personal privacy, confidential source protection, or other applicable FOIA exemptions. In the event the appeal is sustained, any statement or material submitted may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Very truly yours,

LISA Y. HENDERSON Acting Regional Director

#### Enclosure

cc: Jeff Bezos, CEO/Founder Amazon 159 4th Avenue N Nashville, TN 37203

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